

## Abstract of the Disclosure

The object of the invention is to provide a means to enhance the drying property of a coating film formed as a vibration damper and repressing the occurrence of crack and expansion in the surface of the coating film. The task mentioned above is accomplished by using a thickener for vibration damper, which contains a polymer comprising an alkali-soluble monomer unit and an associating monomer unit. The alkali-soluble monomer unit may possess a carboxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, or a phosphoric acid group, or a salt thereof. The associating monomer unit may possess in a side chain thereof a group represented by the formula,  $-(R^1-O)_n-X-R^2$ , (wherein  $R^1$  denotes methylene group, ethylene group, propylene group or butylene group,  $n$  denotes a number in the range of 10 - 300,  $X$  denotes a direct bond,  $-C(=O)-$ , or  $-C(=O)NH-$ , and  $R^2$  denotes a hydrocarbon group of 6 - 30 carbon atoms).